

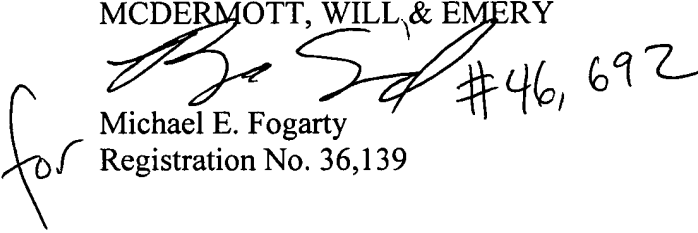
REMARKS

In order to expedite issuance of the present application by reducing the subject matter the Examiner needs to consider, claims 33-36 have been canceled and claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of claim 11 without prejudice/disclaimer to the subject matter embodied by claims 1 and 33-36. Moreover, in response to an Examiner inquiry, Applicants submit that the present application having U.S. Serial No. 10/009,750 ("present application") and USP No. 6,388,550 to Kanetaka et al. were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd..

No extension of time is deemed necessary. Nonetheless, to the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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